THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) In September, 1993, STC finalised contracts for import of 30,000 tonnes of Palmolein for delivery by mid-October from its empenelled suppliers of edible oils who have been supplying edilible oils in the past also. These contracts are reported to have been concluded at prices lower than the ruling market price for October delivery.

(d) and (e) Our attention has been drawn to some news items which have appeared in the newspapers on this issue. The Central Vigilance Commission has also made a reference on this issue to the STC for an early enquiry and report. The enquiry is in progress.

Indo-Indonesian Trade Talks

*55. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indo-Indonesian bilateral trade talks were held recently; and

(b) if so, what are the areas of trade between the two countries that were covered and what is the outcome of the talks?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. No Indo-Indonesian bilateral trade talks were held recently at the Government level. However, the 4th meeting of the Indo-Indonesian Joint Business Council and Seminar on "Trade and Investment Opportunities between India & Indonesia" was held on 18th November, 1993 in New Delhi, when trade and investment opportunities between the two countries were discussed.

National Commission for Labour

*56. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up National Commission for Labour;

(b) if so, by when the Commission is likely to be set up; and

(c) whether the Commission, when set up, is also likely to consider productivity linked wage regime?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) In the Indian Labour Conference held in September, 1992, representatives of Certain Central trade unions had suggested constitution of a Second National Commission on Labour. The matter is under examination.

*57. [*Transferred to 10th December, 1993*]

Representations on 'Dunkel Draft'

*58. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received representations on 'Dunkel Draft' expressing concern at India's surrendering its options for asking for renegotiations in the matter, as reported in "The Hindustan Times" dated 25th November, 1993 under the caption "Prime Minister cautioned on Dunkel Draft";

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that acceptance of the Dunkel draft as such would mean a grave setback to India's efforts at self-reliant economic growth, particularly in critical branches like seed production, food processing, drugs, energy, feed stock; chemicals and branches of industrial biotechnology; and